

REMARKS

Claims 14-19, 22 and 25-33 and 42 were pending. By this Amendment, claims 16 and 29 have been canceled, claims 14, 15, 17, 27 and 30 have been amended, and new claims 43-51 have been added. Upon entry claims 14-15, 17-19, 22, 25-28, 30-33 and 42-51 are pending.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments distinguish over U.S. Patent No. 6,677,473.

Support for the amendment of claims 14 and 15 may be found *inter alia*, in original claim 16. Support for the amendment of claim 27 may be found *inter alia*, in original claim 29. Claims 17 and 30 have been amended to change their dependencies from canceled claims 16 and 29, respectively, to pending claims. Support for new claims 43-46 may be found, *inter alia*, in original claims 14-16 and 18; on page 2, last line to page 3, line 19; and on page 32, line 31 to page 33, line 24. Support for new claim 47 may be found, *inter alia*, on page 3, lines 4-19; and page 5, lines 26-27. Support for new claims 48-50 may be found, *inter alia*, in original claims 19-21; and on page 30, lines 20-28. The chemical structure recited in the new claims is the same as Formula I except that the carboxylic acid or ester moiety is fixed in the meta-position. There are only three possible positions for the carboxylic acid or ester moiety in Formula I: ortho, meta or para. Because of the small number of possibilities, each of them can be at once envisaged from Formula I by the person of ordinary skill in the art. Moreover, the exemplified compounds are meta compounds. Applicants maintain that the amendments do not raise an issue of new matter. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. If any fee

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